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TAGS: PINT, DR

SUBJ: FUTURE PLANS OF GOMEZ BERGES AND MILO JIMENEZ

1. BEFORE LEAVING FOR A MONTH'S VACATION TOMORROW, I DECIDED TO TIE UP A COUPLE OF LOOSE ENDS BY PLAYING GOLF YESTERDAY WITH FON SEC GOMEZ BERGES AND FORMER SECRETARY FOR THE ARMED FORCES ADMIRAL JIMENEZ. BOTH SEEMED SURPRISINGLY CHIPPER FOR HAVING COME OF SECOND BEST RECENTLY, EACH IN HIS OWN WAY.

2. FON SEC GOMEZ, WHOSE STOCK LOCALLY IS QUITE HIGH THESE DAYS THANKS TO THE CLOSE RACE HE RAN AND TO AMBASSADOR MAILLIARD'S PUBLIC STATEMENT, GAVE NO MANIFESTATION OF BITTERNESS. HE SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO STAY IN HIS PRESENT POSITION (SOME FEW MONTHS AGO HE THOUGHT IT ADVISABLE THAT HE SEEK A POST ABROAD). OUR PERSONAL RELATIONS REMAIN AS FRIENDLY AND CLOSE AS EVER.

3. I ASKED MILO JIMENEZ ABOUT THE FUTURE. IN HIS DELIBERATE MANNER HE SAID THAT THE COUNTRY WOULD REMAIN TRANQUIL, ALTHOUGH GENERAL NEIT NIVAR AS CHIEF OF POLICE WAS STILL BAD NEWS AS FAR AS HE WAS CONCERNED. AS TO HIS PERSONAL FUTURE, JIMENEZ SAID HE WOULD WAIT A COUPLE OF MONTHS AND SEE WHAT HAPPENED. AT THE NINETEENTH HOLE AFTER BOTH HAD BEATEN ME RATHER HANDILY (THEY HAVE TO WIN SOMETHING), I TOLD MILO THAT I WAS LEAVING FOR VACATION AND WOULD CONSIDER IT A PERSONAL FAVOR IF HE INITIATED NOTHING THAT REQUIRED INTERRUPTING MY TRIP. HE GOODNATUREDLY REPLIED THAT I COULD COUNT ON A PEACEFUL TIME. HASTA LUEGO.

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